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HONORABLE S. LESTER RALPH

Mayor of the City of Somerville

January 18, 1977

Tonight at the close of the seventh and beginning of the eighth year of this administration, old themes are recurring. I suspect we are in the process of dealing with perennial questions in a deeper way. Just as in philosophy, every answer to a question leads to a rephrasing of the question in a more profound way, solutions to political and social problems also bring those problems forth again for strengthening and further development.

In capsule form, let me outline some of the high points in Somerville of accomplishments in the nation's Bicentennial year 1976:

1. 905 building permits were issued in 1976, again establishing a new city record over the previous year's record number of 752. This number has rapidly increased each year from 425 in 1969, the last year of the former era. This can only mean a gathering sense of confidence in the city and a feeling of pride in the community.
2. Our Reilly-Brickley Central Fire Station has been dedicated, and the city has replaced five more pieces of fire apparatus to assure the proper protection of life and property.
3. Major street reconstruction was completed: Summer Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, West Adams and Cherry Streets.
4. The reconstruction of the Conwell School is virtually completed, and the Healey School reconstruction is progressing rapidly.
5. The Central Library has been reconstructed, and recognized as one of the most beautiful and workable library facilities in the Commonwealth.
6. The dedication of the restored West Branch Library has brought

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us two-thirds of the way to the total restoration of our library facilities.

7. Expansion of services to young people and senior citizens has brought joy, help and hope to many new thousands of people. About 10,000 senior citizens are benefiting from service and health programs operated by city agencies.
8. Loans and grants to homeowners have generated \$395,000.00 in home improvements for about 200 homeowners. This program will increase substantially in 1977.
9. The Amended Rent Control Ordinance has been tremendously effective, and for the most part the benefits we hoped for have materialized, and the fears we shared have generally not materialized.
10. The Somerville unemployment rate has dropped from a high of 13%, during the depth of the recent depression, down to 8% at the present time.

This will be considerably helped by the fact that the City of Somerville, the EMHRDA Board, and the U.S. Department of Labor came to agreement over the last few days on a temporary hiring procedure which will allow the City to resume hiring CETA employees, until such time as a final determination is made on outstanding issues.

This agreement will meet the city's requirement that program hiring be done on a local level, while providing the Federal Government and EMHRDA with sufficient input into the entire process so that they might adequately monitor the program.

Within the next two weeks the CETA Office will begin to process applications for public service jobs. Our CETA Program will thus be in full operation no later than February 1st.

1976 was a year when the Federal government implemented a conservative economic program which deeply hurt the cities of America, cutting back on programs and projects which were doing so much to improve our quality of life. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts embarked on programs of cutbacks in spending, which almost exclusively meant withholding money from cities which had been committed for years, and upon

which we had come to rely as essential to help meet the costs of city government. It is paradoxical that the belt-tightening by the Federal and State governments in fact only tightened OUR belts and increased the property tax burden which has been the greatest albatross on the people of Massachusetts for over a generation. In my opinion, these policies showed poor judgment, and a lack of understanding of where people are hurting most, and where the real priorities and possibilities for change exist.

Believing new directions will come from these more powerful levels of government, we begin the new year with cautious optimism, and we plan to further solidify progress made, while embarking on new challenges. Some of those new challenges —

- (1) Several more streets will be reconstructed with community development money. The reconstruction and new design of Broadway should be completed from the Charlestown line to approximately Magoun Square.
- (2) With Federal and local money, Conway Playground will be rebuilt, thus completing the restoration of all the city's major playground facilities.
- (3) A new 135 senior citizens' apartment complex should be completed in just over a year.
- (4) I am pleased to announce that effective next Monday morning our incinerator will be in full operation with the installation of new compactors, at no cost to the city. We shall resume delivery of all our rubbish to the incinerator at an expected savings of \$5.00 per ton, or over \$200,000.00 over the next twelve months. We still believe Somerville has pioneered in the area of rubbish disposal through the pyrolysis burning process, and that our program will be a model for the nation within two years in terms of energy conservation and pollution control.
- (5) We intend to demolish most or all of the buildings in the city which have been abandoned or which are fire or safety hazards to others in the community.
- (6) Loans and grants of Federal monies for home improvement will increase this year to upgrade our housing stock.
- (7) We hope to complete our library restoration program by completing work on the East Branch Library. With the proper com-

bination of circumstances, we shall add a small wing for offices and a children's room, thus making the entire present facility an adult reading area.

This year I consider it essential that we grapple with some knotty and difficult problems, and I believe we can:

1. We must begin the steps to construct an adequate technical high school. The present facility is inadequate, and in my opinion, our secondary public school system is effectively preparing for adult life no more than 10% of our young people.

2. Last year I alluded to the problems inherent in our junior high school system and urged a transition to an 8-4 system as educationally more sound in every way. A committee is now being formed to look into the matter, and I urge the public to be vigilant in insisting that the committee not be led in the direction of interest groups — be they school administrators, teachers or politicians. We are dealing with the present and future happiness of thousands of young people, and that alone should motivate our efforts.

I believe the failure of the junior high educational system and the resulting disenchantment with school during those years is the greatest single factor responsible for the large number of high school dropouts in Somerville. I ask for a bit of imagination, a bit of political courage and broad based community involvement in facing the problem head on. We are in a position now to improve the quality of our educational system immeasurably. Our junior high schools and the inverted emphasis in the high school between technical training and the three "R's" is the true Achilles heel in the Somerville School System. We have 2,800 students in the high school and 300 in the Technical High. The young people have been telling city officials for fifty years that the opposite ratio should be implemented.

The next two issues I have discussed in virtually every official address in the past seven years, namely the issue of school administration and the issue of Assessors. I do so again this evening.

I believe the time has come for the School Department to be more responsive to the public, and, therefore, it is clearly time to end the obsolete "Sacred Cow" philosophy of School Department autonomy. Since 1970 School Department costs have increased 103%, while the rest of the city budget has increased only 32%. The School Department has just come out with next year's proposed budget, pretending a \$175,000.00 cut. This pretended decrease is based on eliminating the Full Circle School, one of the most important programs in the city.

Close analysis reveals that they have covered up a \$400,000.00 increase in the budget, and when contract negotiations have been completed, it is apparent that the School Department alone will add over \$10.00 to next year's tax rate, just as they have done each year over the past decade.

The most consistent talent which school administrators tend to display is the ability to increase their needs, expand their bureaucracy and remain out of touch with the deeper educational needs of the public. I have seen the system at work long enough to realize that the top priority is always protecting self-interest. The "Peter Principle" of promoting people beyond their usefulness has achieved its high water mark in the school systems of America, and I speak in protest.

Secondly, the problem which is coming closest to toppling the ability of this city to govern itself is the problem of Assessors. I can speak no more clearly, and I do not believe it can be more clearly stated, than at the Inaugural last January. I can only add a year's experience of Assessors arbitrarily and capriciously raising or lowering assessments, adding many dollars to last year's tax by refusing \$700,000.00 in offered tax payments by the bankrupt Boston and Maine Railroad. Our Assessors are feared because people here realize that they use their power to hurt others and help themselves. The Assessors have already added about \$10.00 to next year's tax rate, either by selective abatements or by abatements forced by the State because of chaotic practices which the Board has carried out for so many years.

Years ago someone said to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes: "The power to tax is the power to destroy." The Judge answered: "Not while

this court sits." I tell you tonight, unless the Board of Aldermen deals with the problem of our elected Assessors NOW, this city is in for deep, deep trouble. The seriousness of this particular problem and the importance of coping with it now brings to mind the words of Pastor Niemoeller after the Second World War: "In Germany, the Nazie first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Trade Unionist. Then they came for ME . . ., by that time there was no one left to speak up for anyone."

If anyone here thinks he can hide from the irresponsible, bullying attitude of a majority of our Assessors for long, you will end up in a lonely, costly position.

In 1976 we proposed a massive reconstruction of our streets and sidewalks. They need it. the project would add thousands of dollars in value to every building abutting such an improvement; and it would, as it has in other areas, lead to further investment in upgrading buildings. Monies were appropriated to engineer the project; Federal help was not forthcoming. I urge the members of this Honorable Board to approve a bond issue to get this work underway by springtime.

There is a strange attitude by certain members of the political community in Somerville. "Don't let any good come if it reflects on anybody but yourself." To aspiring mayoral candidates here tonight, there is ample credit for everyone courageous enough to be constructive. If anyone thinks he or she will delay this essential improvement to enhance their own candidacy, I assure you the trust will be presented at the door of every home in Somerville many times between now and November.

I naturally welcome all candidates who wish to make their bid for the Mayor's office, but I ask that your efforts be responsible, constructive and in the public interest. Perhaps we might all do well to enter this election year with this as our standard of campaigning: "Success is never final and failure never fatal. It's courage that counts."

In many ways last year was much like my first year as Major. Many good things happened, but it was a struggle and a battle almost every step of the way, and often not for the best reasons. I believe this year will be a year of greater achievement, because a good foundation was laid.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

April 4, 1977

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following report is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending June 30, 1977.

CITY OF SOMERVILLE — 1976 - 1977 RECAPITULATION

A. CITY — All appropriations since 1975—1976 tax rate fixed:

1. Total to be raised by taxation 33,719,051.52

2. Total appropriations to be taken
from available Funds —

a.	74—75	1,991,328.00		
	76—77	<u>1,972,235.32</u>		<u>3,963,563.32</u>

TOTAL	37,682,614.84	37,682,614.84
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3. Deficits due to abatements in excess
of overlay of prior years —

a.	1961—prior	766.67
b.	1965	8,987.39
c.	1966	73,344.15
d.	1967	203,044.65
e.	1968	213,165.93
f.	1969	215,693.31
g.	1970	362,739.77
h.	1971	360,937.76
i.	1972	475,952.77
j.	1973—74	290,250.66
k.	1975	<u>34,236.90</u>

TOTAL	2,239,119.86
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Offsets to Cherry Sheet

Estimated Receipts:

School Lunch Program	73,360.29	
Libraries	1,780.47	
Youth Service Board	—	
Retirement	900.00	76,040.76

B. COUNTY: TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

	1976-77 Estimates	1974-75 Under estimates
1. County Tax	806,390.41	953,897.57
2. County Hospital	9,676.69	77,205.23
	816,067.10	1,031,102.80

C. STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State examination of Retirement System	\$ 2,000.00
Mass. Bay Transportation System	2,720,474.00
Health Insurance Program	14,601.53
Motor Vehicle Excise	6,576.75
Air Pollution Control District	4,235.08
Special Education Authority	102,692.00
Boston Area Authority	11,375.01
OVERLAY OF CURRENT YEAR	\$ 1,853,851.28
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$49,283,442.46
TAX RATE	\$237.60

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FISCAL YEAR 1977

July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Revenue Cash	\$ 603,183.60
Cash Descrepancies:	
W.J.R., Collector	253.57
P.J.W., Cashier	1,029.55
R. C., Deputy Collector	1,326.86
E. W., Deputy Collector	431.15
Treasurer's Overs and Shorts and Bank Errors	1,668.63

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes, FY 1977	\$ 887,112.34
Taxes, FY 1976	417,829.55
Taxes, FY 1975	342,288.37
Taxes, FY 1974	93,329.90
Taxes, 1973	193,520.30
Taxes, 1972	116,178.28
Taxes, 1971	89,407.09
Taxes, Prior Years	146,575.66
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	2,286,241.49

Tax Titles	487,701.13
Tax Possessions	86,381.36

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

1977	447,075.17
1976	235,656.77
1975	182,853.44
1974	201,915.77

1973	157,786.37	
1971	82,710.13	
1970	53,901.12	
Prior Years	311,513.74	
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REVENUE ACCOUNTS — ASSETS

Building Demolition Charges Added to Taxes:

FY 1977	\$ 15,245.00	
FY 1976	25,180.00	
FY 1975	3,900.00	
FY 1973—1974	18,073.00	
FY 1971	1,985.00	
FY 1970	23,656.80	
Prior Years	3,842.00	
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Departmental Accounts Receivable:

School Department	57,112.19	
Public Works Department	100.00	
P.W.D. Building Division	9,281.25	
P.W.D. Incinerator Division	13,058.13	
P.W.D. Water Division	2,218.37	
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Water Department Accounts	637,280.12	
State Aid to Highways — Chapter 90	246,703.59	
Revenue FY—1978	40,780,316.08	
Middlesex County Taxes and Assessments FY—1977 ...	75,806.94	
Overlay FY—1977	1,438,524.77	
Overlay FY—1976	758,874.08	
Overlay FY—1975	375,919.98	
Overlay FY—1973/1974	394,092.47	
Overlay 1972	143,428.65	
Overlay 1971	103,246.35	
Overlay 1970	67,435.58	
Overlay Prior Years	212,813.02	

Reserve for Cash Variations and Bank Errors	131.49
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	600.00
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	\$50,550,454.71
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REVENUE ACCOUNTS — LIABILITIES

Cashiers Overages	\$ 973.92
Petty Cash Advances	600.00
Taxes, 1970 A/R	52,751.83
Tax Titles — Rent Receipts	645.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1972	8,534.55
City Clerks Deposits	6,080.15
Treasury — Guarantee Deposits	45,119.19
School Deposits:	
Forfeited Fees	22,650.36
County Aid to Highways — Chapter 90	29,765.93
Revenue FY-1977	446,961.01
Temporary Loans	900,000.00
Teachers' Retirement Deductions	163,990.21
Federal Withholding Taxes	137,228.09
State Withholding Taxes	42,315.75
Employees Insurance Deductions	1,162.54
Employees Group Insurance Deductions	14,161.61
Employees Group Insurance Dividends	312.00
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees	1,353.22
U. S. Savings Bond Deductions	3,163.54
Reserve — Savings Bond Deductions	6,432.13
Blue Cross Deductions	62,602.77
Blue Cross Dividends	3,879.50
Sale of Real Estate	63,126.00
Unexpended Balances:	
Income of Trust Funds	19,602.84
Tailings	22,900.98
Tailings — Water Department	1,882.87
Premium on Bonds	23,552.20

Revenue Appropriations FY 1978	40,347,024.14
Revenue Appropriations FY 1977	1,480,886.92
Conservation Commission Fund	4,205.33
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:	
Somerville Youth Program	
Dept. Youth Services Grant — FY 75	28.63
C.C.J. Project No. 74C-025.111	
Reimbursement Project CASE	31.40
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-204.5111	7,540.21
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-204.5111	
State Buy-In Funds	1,860.00
Occupational Education —	
Project No. D-2077	7,244.07
DARE Girl's Court Project	
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-159.1153	348.83
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-159.1153	
State Buy-In Funds	1,481.62
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-303.1153	3,124.57
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-303.1153	
State Buy-In Funds	2,611.00
Federal Grants — Manpower Development and Training Act:	
P.L. 92-54, Section 6. E.E.A. — 25-2-0004 . . . .	.02
Recreation Support Program: —	
RI — 1971 — 93 — 25 . . . . .	.10
RI — 1972 — No. 2001 — 25	16.50
C.E.T.A., Title III FY 1974	220.23
C.E.T.A., Title I FY 1975 . . . . .	.85
C.S.A. No. 10094 — FY 1976	25.87
U.S. Department of Labor Grants:	
Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973:	
Title I	27,520.55
Title I — Summer Youth Employment Program	
FY 1975	1,013.00
Title II — FY 1974	1,239.59
Title II — FY 1975	8,541.26
Title II — FY 1976	16,924.80
Title II — FY 1977	28,131.58

Title III — FY 1974 Summer Job Corps	14.00
Title III — FY 1976 Summer Job Corps	4,197.38
Title III — Bilingual Training Program	1,475.00
Title VI — FY 1976	6,655.00
Title VI — FY 1977	7,291.80
C. of M. Grants — Wilderness Program: —	
C.C.J. Project No. 75C-281.11,	
State Buy—In Funds	2.45
Cash Match Share from H.U.D., C.C.J.	
No. 75C-281.11	7.44
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-161.1124	931.05
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-161.1124	
State Buy—In Funds	9.43
C. of M. Grants — C.C.J. — Police Department: —	
Police Auto Theft Bureau —	
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-158.0438	1,426.33
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-158.0438	
State Buy—In Funds	350.00
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-186.1435	3,085.32
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-186.1435	
State Buy—In Funds	190.00
Field Improvement Operations —	
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-160.0343	
State Buy—In Funds	29.58
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-187.1321	120.64
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-187.1321	
State Buy—In Funds	373.96
Planning and Research Unit —	
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-155.0212	688.50
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-155.0212	
State Buy—In Funds	289.00
School Department: — C. of M., Department of Education	
Public Law 864	17,932.29
Public Law 874	82,658.39
Public Law 87-415, MDTA	1,959.76
Adult Basic Education — SCALE	
Project No. 73-24	2,246.14
Project No. 74-24	201.80

Project No. 75-24	13.61
Project No. 75-43	868.21
Project No. 76-24	31,473.11
Project No. 77-24	45,877.53
Grant Related Income —	
Project No. 75-24, 75-43	8,852.19
Public Law 89-10/92-318, Title I	
Project No. 72-274	766.07
Project No. 73-274-058 BLAST	3,293.22
Project No. 73-274-207 S.E.P.	899.88
Project No. 74-274-093 BLAST	865.90
Project No. 74-274-315 S.E.P.	868.27
Project No. 75-274-134 BLAST	510.35
Project No. 75-274-303 S.E.P.	11.65
Project No. 76-274-147 BLAST	519.51
Project No. 77-274-063	103,481.19
Public Law 89-10, Title II — Library Learning Resources	
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Project No. 89-1974	1,086.84
Project No. 74-Northeastern Jr. High School —	
1974	470.59
Project No. 75-Powder House Community School —	
1974	653.71
Project No. 312-Winter Hill Community School —	
FY 1975	8,656.38
A.D. Healey School — FY 1976	394.71
Project No. 274 — Cummings School	5,941.69
Public Law 93-203—Occupational Education —	
C.E.T.A. Section 112	
Project No. 275	762.95
Project No. 276-5	2,193.20
Project No. 277-5	9,166.36
Public Law 89-313 Title VI—B —	
Habilitating Communication Disorders	
Project No. 77-274-37B	6,220.00
Public Law 92-318 —	
Vocational Educational Projects	1,832.06
C. of M. Bureau of Equal Education Opportunity —	
Title IV	1,377.00

Public Law 93-380 - Title IV -	
Bureau of Curriculum Services	
Project Inside/Outside No. 023-77	9,355.26
Public Law 93-380 - Title IV-B	
Libraries and Learning Resources	
E.S.E.A. - FY 1976	9,500.71
Libraries and Learning Resources - FY 1977 . .	44,851.82
Public Law 93-380 - Title IV-C -	
Community Resources Project No. 27-78	11,000.00
Public Law 89-10, Title VI-B	
Mass. Rehabilitation Commission	10,062.07
Public Law 91-527 Drug Abuse Prevention -	
FY 1975	6,000.00
C. of M., Department Elder Affairs - Council on Aging . .	.20
C. of M. Grant, Council for Aging Persons	56.57
Federal Grant, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development -	
Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant - Section 701	
Project No. 1975-CPA-MA-01-06-1023 . .	457.03
Community Development Block Grant -	
FY 1975 No. B-75-MC-25-0022	151.25
FY 1976 No. B-76-MC-25-0022	1,789.96
FY 1977 No. B-77-MC-25-0022	3,651.42
Federal Grant H.E.W., Public Health Service	
Lead Control Program - FY 1975 -	
Project No. 01-H-000181-03-0	3,978.62
E.M.O.C. Manpower Planning Board	1,121.55
C. of M. Grant, Bicentennial Commission:	
Improvements to Powder House Park	4,209.49
Cash Match - H.U.D. - FY 1976	186.29
Federal Grant, E.P.A. - Solid Waste Management Programs: -	
Multi-Service Source Separation	
No. S-803683-01-0	1,370.00
Grant Related Income -	
Sale of Recycling Materials	33,231.07
Vista ACTION Grant - No. 21167 - Career Development	107.00
Federal Grant, Title VIII ACTION	
Volunteer Coordinator Program - FY 1974	1,055.37

C. of M., Bureau of Library Extension	
P.L. 91-600, Title II - No. 75-1 - L.S.C.A.	5,196.38
Friends of Library Grant	137.49
Somerville Police Detail Account	4.50
Hot Lunch Receipts	336,443.46
Athletic Receipts	19,019.44
Parking Meter Receipts:	
Off-Street Parking	13,783.07
On-Street Parking	24,242.82
Middlesex County - Dog Licenses	1,010.50
State Taxes and Assessments - FY 1977	153,520.62
Overlay 1962	401.12
Overlay 1963	589.37
Overlay 1964	612.22
Treasury - City Owned Property A/R	1.00
Revenue Reserve Until Collected: -	
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	1,664,877.96
Tax Title Revenue	487,701.13
Tax Possessions Revenue	86,381.36
Building Demolition Charges	
Revenue	91,881.80
Departmental Revenue	81,768.94
Water Revenue	637,280.12
Aid to Highways Revenue	216,937.66
	3,266,828.97
Reserve for Cash Discrepancies	4,841.25
Reserve for Unpaid Real Estate and Personal Taxes	2,063,154.37
Surplus Revenue	127,571.16
	<u>\$50,550,454.71</u>
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TRUST AND INVESTED FUNDS

ASSETS

Trust and Invested Funds —

Cash and Securities	\$ 9,508,193.58	
		\$ 9,508,193.58

LIABILITIES

Trust Funds:

Contagious Hospital Funds . . .	2,168.23	
School Funds	13,519.49	
Library Funds	41,819.32	
Welfare Funds	6,948.35	
Recreation Funds	<u>3,645.76</u>	
		68,101.15

Invested Funds:

Municipal Buildings		
Insurance Fund	5,465.35	
* Somerville Retirement System		
Fund	9,431,253.27	
Veterans Housing Fund	<u>3,373.81</u>	
		9,440,092.43
		9,508,193.58

* Figures submitted by Somerville Retirement Board

REVENUE RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS

GENERAL

Taxes	30,892,954.62
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes . .	1,706,130.15
Tax Titles	16,834.39
Tax Possessions	9,000.00

Licenses and Permits	198,022.25
Fines and Forfeits	189,796.02
Grants and Gifts	4,107,608.92
Commonwealth of Massachusetts —	
Local Aid Fund —	
Lottery Distribution	781,272.06
Civil Defense Agency . . .	13,123.15
Office of Secretary —	
State Census	20,326.50
School Aid — Chapter 70 . . .	5,402,836.98
Construction of School Projects	
Ch. 645	930,529.16
Vocational Ed. — Ch. 74 S.9 —	
1967 — Ch 791	360,173.00
School Transportation —	
Ch. 71, S.7A	38,344.00
Redevelopment Authority —	
Ch. 121A, S.10	236,480.64
Urban Renewal Corporation —	
Lieu of Taxes	8,138.21
Special Education Programs —	
Ch. 71B — 1972,	
Chapter 766	1,006,016.00
Transitional Bilingual Ed. —	
Ch. 71A	83,551.21
Department of Education —	
CPL Sec. 403	100.00
Free Public Libraries —	
G.L. Ch. 78, S.—19A . . .	33,292.13
Highway Fund Distribution —	
Ch. 492	216,211.43
Mass. Rehab. Commission . . .	5.00
Cash Overages	75.74
Sale of Real Estate	58,575.00

46,309,396.56

DEPARTMENTAL

General Government	72,753.22	
Protection to Persons		
& Property	14,252.67	
Health and Sanitation	32,353.80	
Veterans Services	82,650.34	
School and School Buildings . .	8,219.73	
Hot Lunch Receipts	192,640.69	
Athletic Receipts	10,311.58	
Central & Branch Libraries . . .	3,037.29	
P.W.D. Highway Division	4,305.00	
P.W.D. Parking Meters		
Receipts	29,165.64	
Teachers Retirement		
Deductions	570,782.14	
Federal Withholding Taxes . . .	4,272,873.01	
State Withholding Taxes	1,283,771.06	
Employees Insurance		
Deductions	355.25	
Employees Group Insurance		
Deductions	38,048.77	
Employees Group Insurance		
Dividends	312.00	
Group Insurance for Elderly		
Retirees	4,947.63	
Savings Bond Deductions	34,043.02	
Blue Cross Deductions	801,152.52	
Blue Cross Dividends	1,207.50	
Indemnification of Fire Losses	416,435.00	
		7,873,617.86
Deposits	\$ 30,663.76	
Water Department Accounts	1,240,808.91	
Interest on Taxes, etc.	98,445.16	
Trust Fund Income	14,524.49	
Accrued Interest	6,396.88	
Temporary Loans	17,000,000.00	

Premiums on Bonds	12,236.25
Refunds	96,864.46
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Total Receipts	72,682,954.33
Cash Balance July 1, 1976	1,334,757.29
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	74,017,711.62
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REVENUE PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS:

Appropriations — FY 1978	\$ 433,291.94
Appropriations — FY 1977	34,224,027.22
Interest	1,913,053.63
Reduction of Funded Debt	2,265,000.00
Refunds	1,109,571.09
City Clerks Deposits	649.26
Guarantee Deposits	1,000.00
School — Book Deposits	2,000.00
School — Forfeited Fees	5,903.92
Teachers Retirement Deductions	752,582.42
Federal Withholding Taxes	4,669,966.44
State Withholding Taxes	1,400,866.22
Employees Insurance Deductions	426.55
Employees Group Insurance Deductions	32,778.92
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees	4,098.10
Savings Bond Deductions	32,792.90
Blue Cross Deductions	806,619.85
Temporary Loans	16,100,000.00
Income of Trust Funds	6,735.88
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:	
DARE Girl's Court Project	
Project No. 76C—159.1153	26,905.02
Project No. 76C—159.1153	
State Buy—In Funds	1,129.38

Project No. 76C-303.1153	20,875.43
C.L.F.A. Drug Screening and Referral Program	
Project No. 72-142X-529AO	254.00
C.C.J. Somerville Wilderness Program	
Project No. 75C-281.11	
Cash Match from H.U.D.	63.00
Project No. 76C-161.1124	11,036.41
Project No. 76C-161.1124	
State Buy-In Funds	657.57
Project No. 76C-161.1124	
Cash Match from H.U.D.	549.33
C.L.E.A. Community Youth Resources Bureau	
Project No. 70-040A-EICAM	123.45
Somerville Youth Program	
Project No. C.C.J. 74C-025.111	12.00
Project No. C.C.J. 74C-025.111	
Reimbursement from C.A.S.E.	115.77
Project No. C.C.J. 75C-131.1115	
State Buy-In Funds	1.00
Project No. C.C.J. 76C-156.1115	48,677.03
Project No. C.C.J. 76C-156.1115	
State Buy-In Funds	5,018.00
Project No. C.C.J. 77C-204.5111	30,559.79
Youth Services Grant FY 1975	107.80
Project No. D-2077 Full Circle School	33,805.93
Federal Grants:	
E.O.A. Community Action Program	
Recreation Support Program - 1973	96.80
C.S.A. Funds - Recreation Support Program	
- Project No. 10094	15,433.98
Comprehensive Employment and Training Act	
Title I - Project No. 2-1	654,998.57
Title I - Summer Youth Employment	
Program	358.42
Title II - 1974	575.83
Title II - 1976	27,169.11
Title II - 1977	38,840.11
Title III - 1976 Bilingual Program	27,025.00

Title III – Summer Youth Employment	
Program – FY 1976	301,943.83
Title VI – FY 1975 Work Experience Program	
No. 02–VI–I	24,555.10
Title VI – FY 1977	39,173.20
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:	
C.C.J. Police Auto Theft	
Project No. 74C–161.161	1,318.52
Project No. 74C–161.161	
State Buy–In Funds	98.00
Project No. 76C–158.0438	4,873.67
Project No. 77C–186.1435	2,758.68
C.C.J. Police Field Operations	
Project No. 73C–125–039	66.90
Project No. 74C–143.032	38.71
Project No. 74C–143.032	
State Buy–In Funds	72.50
Project No. 75C–039.0343	3.76
Project No. 76C–160.0343	24,701.85
Project No. 76C–160.0343	
State Buy–In Funds	1,357.42
Project No. 77C–187.1321	24,839.36
Project No. 77C–187.1321	
State Buy–In Funds	1,013.04
C.C.J. Police Planning and Research	
Project No. 76C–155.0212	1,491.12
C.C.J. Police Record Filing System	
Project No. 72–021X–529AO .....	.55
C.L.E.A. Regional and Local Disorder Unit	
Project No. 71–09X–529AO	823.85
C.L.E.A. Police Teleprocessing Terminals	
Project No. 71–59Y	223.00
School Department Grants:	
Public Law 864	3,388.35
Public Law 874	1,663.99
Public Law 91–230, Adult Basic Education - Title III	
Project No. 75–24/75–43	
Grant Related Income	9,972.69

Project No. 76-24	6,256.46
Project No. 77-24	65,701.47
Public Law 89-10 Title I	
Project No. 76-274-147 - BLAST	137,422.84
Project No. 77-274-063	752,745.07
Public Law 89-10 Title II - Bureau of Library Extension	
Project No. 312 - Winter Hill	
Community School	332.73
Arthur D. Healey School	1,072.01
Project No. 274 Cummings School	6,535.99
Public Law 92-318 - Vocational Educational	
Projects - 1974/75	703.69
Public Law 93-203 - CETA - Section 112	
Project No. 275	12,727.92
Project No. 276-5	29,141.80
Project No. 277-5	17,553.64
Public Law 93-380 - Title IV	
Project No. 023-77 Inside/Outside	35,097.74
Public Law 93-380 - Title IV-B	
Libraries and Learning Resources	14,547.44
Public Law 89-313 - Title VI-B	
Project No. 77-274-37B	3,780.00
Federal Grants:	
H.U.D. Community Development Block Grants -	
Project No. B-75-MC-25-0022 - FY 1975	14,334.73
Project No. B-76-MC-25-0022 - FY 1976	517,408.18
Project No. B-77-MC-25-0022 - FY 1977	41,348.58
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Bicentennial Commission	
Improvement to Powder House Park - Grant . . .	7,632.46
Improvement to Powder House Park -	
H.U.D. Cash Match	14,813.71
Conservation Commission Fund	11,956.43
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of	
Education - Public Law 91-600, Title II	
L.S.C.A.	
Project No. 75-1	99,768.12
Library Grant - Somerville Lions Club - Bookmobile	14,482.00
Library Grant - Friends of the Library	1,574.51

Federal Grant — Environmental Protection Agency

Multi Material Source Separation Program

Project No. S-803683-01-0	12,000.00
Grant Related Income —	
Sale of Recycling Materials	2,000.00
Vista Action Grant — Career Development	65.00
Somerville Police Details	2,322.00
Hot Lunch Receipts	854,307.19
Athletic Receipts	10,575.25
State Taxes and Assessments — FY 1977	4,675,299.01
Middlesex County Taxes and Assessments — FY 1977	891,874.04
Middlesex County — Dog Licenses	8,887.85
Middlesex County — Sale of Dogs	129.00
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Total Payments to Date	73,414,528.02
Cash Balance on Hand	603,183.60
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TOTAL	74,017,711.62
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NON REVENUE

RECEIPTS:

Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues:

Planning Bonds for Street Construction	125,000.00
Remodeling of Conwell & Healey	
Elementary Schools	575,000.00
Construction of Public Ways	50,000.00

Bonds Issued:

School Project Loan — Ward II	2,252,000.00
School Project Loan — Ward IV	1,854,000.00
Remodeling of Conwell & Healey	
Elementary Schools	2,083,141.00
Departmental Equipment Bonds	90,000.00
Planning Bonds for Street Construction	240,000.00

Refunds	22,206.79
Cash Invested	100,000.00
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Total Receipts	7,391,347.79
Cash Balance as of July 1, 1976	868,138.58
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TOTAL	8,259,486.37
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PAYMENTS:

Appropriations	1,743,785.55
Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues:	
School Project Loan — Ward II	2,252,000.00
School Project Loan — Ward IV	1,854,000.00
Remodeling of Conwell & Healey	
Elementary Schools	1,285,000.00
Departmental Equipment Bonds	90,000.00
Planning Bonds for Street Construction	125,000.00
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Total Payments	7,349,785.55
Cash on Hand	909,700.82
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TOTAL	8,259,486.37
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FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

RECEIPTS:

Revenue Sharing Funds	2,024,672.00
Anti-recession Fiscal Assistance	551,323.00
Accrued Interest on Invested Funds	30,536.17
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Total Receipts	2,606,531.17
Cash balance as of July 1, 1976	50,953.48
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TOTAL	2,657,484.65
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PAYMENTS:

Special Appropriations	2,611,193.78
Total Payments	2,611,193.78
Cash Balance on Hand	46,290.87
TOTAL	2,657,484.65

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

ASSETS

Net Bonded Debt	30,655,000.00
	30,655,000.00

LIABILITIES

Loans Within Statutory Debt Limit:

School Remodeling Loan — 1969 .	135,000.00
P.W.D. Incinerator Loan —	
1958/1959	130,000.00
Funding Loan — 1971	5,245,000.00
Water Main Bonds — 1974	40,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan — 1974 ..	580,000.00
Capital Improvement Loan — 1974	80,000.00
Fire Station Construction Loan —	
1975	1,240,000.00
Library Remodeling & Reconstruction	
Loan	1,330,000.00
Planning Bonds — Broadway	
Construction	285,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan —	
1977	90,000.00

Planning Bonds — Street Construction

— 1977	240,000.00	
	<u> </u>	9,395,000.00

Loans Outside Statutory Debt Limit:

Elementary School Loan — 1964	810,000.00	
Elementary School Loan — 1970	2,550,000.00	
School Project Loan — 1971	3,700,000.00	
Urban Renewal Loan — 1969	495,000.00	
School Project Loan — 1974	5,670,000.00	
School Project Loan — 1975	2,010,000.00	
Capital Improvement Loan — 1975	80,000.00	
School Project Loan — 1977	<u>5,945,000.00</u>	
		21,260,000.00
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		30,655,000.00
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NON REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Non Revenue Cash	909,700.82	
Cash Invested	100,000.00	
Loans Authorized	<u>6,000,000.00</u>	
		7,009,700.82
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LIABILITIES

Loans Unissued	5,950,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues:	
Construction of Public Ways	50,000.00
Somerville Housing Authority	1,743.09
C. of M., Highway Improvement Fund	43.56
Appropriations	1,007,914.17
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	7,009,700.82
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FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS**ASSETS**

Special Cash	46,290.87
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LIABILITIES

Appropriations — Revenue Sharing	45,725.55
Anti-recession Fiscal Assistance	565.32
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	46,290.87
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SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

Total Revenue Receipts	72,682,954.33
Total Non—Revenue Receipts	7,391,347.79
Total Special Cash Receipts	2,606,531.17
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Total Receipts	82,680,833.29
Total Cash Balance as of July 1, 1976	2,253,849.35
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Total	84,934,682.64
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PAYMENTS

Total Revenue Payments	73,414,528.02
Total Non Revenue Payments	7,349,785.55
Total Special Cash Payments	2,611,193.78
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Total Payments	83,375,507.35
Total Cash Balance on Hand	1,559,175.29
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Total	84,934,682.64
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The foregoing statements reflect all financial transactions of the City of Somerville from July 1, 1976, through June 30, 1977. Any inquiries regarding these statements or requests for additional information may be directed to the Auditing Department.

Mary E. Fothergill
City Auditor

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I herewith present the annual report of the City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year 1976–1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Hilliard
City Treasurer and
Collector of Taxes

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 1976 – 1977

	<u>Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Non–Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash Balance			
July 1, 1976	\$ 1,242,609.77	\$ 836,830.58	\$ 2,079,440.35
Receipts	72,682,954.33	7,391,347.79	80,074,302.12
	<u>\$73,925,564.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,228,178.37</u>	<u>\$82,153,742.47</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Revenue			
Payments	73,414,528.02	7,349,785.55	80,764,313.57
	<u>73,414,528.02</u>	<u>7,349,785.55</u>	<u>80,764,313.57</u>
Cash on Hand			
June 30, 1977	\$ 511,036.08	\$ 878,392.82	\$ 1,389,428.90
	<u><u>\$ 511,036.08</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 878,392.82</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,389,428.90</u></u>

SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNT
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

July 1, 1976	\$ 50,953.48
Receipts	2,606,531.17
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	\$ 2,657,484.65
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 2,611,193.78
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	46,290.87
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SCHEDULE OF TAX LIENS
ASSESSMENT AND VALUATIONS

Assessed Valuation — 1976-77 REAL and PERSONAL	\$ 141,915,200.00
Equalized Valuation — 1976-77 as determined by State Tax Commission	330,000,000.00
Motor Vehicle Valuation — 1976-77 \$66.00 per \$1,000.	
Real Estate and Personal Property	
Tax Rate — 1976-77	\$237.60 per \$1,000.
Committed for Collection 1976—1977	
Real Estate Taxes	\$28,937,342.60
Water Liens	145,192.95
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TOTAL REAL ESTATE	\$29,082,535.55
Personal Property Taxes — 1976-77	\$ 4,796,953.92
1976-77 Real & Personal Tax Levy	\$33,879,489.47
Water Department Accounts	
Committed for Collection 1976-77	\$ 1,216,965.04

Other Departmental Accounts

Committed for Collection 1976-77	\$ 94,275.80
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TOTAL AMOUNT COMMITTED	\$35,190,730.31
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State Assessment for City in 1976-1977	\$ 4,675,299.01
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County Tax Assessment for City in 1976-1977	\$ 917,289.90
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County Hospital Assessment for City in 1976-1977 . .	\$ 24,184.09
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TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 5,616,773.00
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED IN 1976-1977

<u>Comm.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
No. 1	3-14-77	255,733.50
2	3-23-77	782,600.00
3	4-29-77	3,527.70
4	6-2-77	213,498.82
	TOTAL	1,255,560.02

1976 EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1976-1977

<u>Comm.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
No.	9-7-76	296,724.60
	9-18-76	4,818.84
	1-3-77	124,170.86
	2-28-77	14,850.00
	2-18-77	61,942.10
	4-21-77	3,761.74
	5-13-77	68,096.05
	TOTAL	574,364.19

1975 EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1976-1977

<u>Comm.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
No.	8-31-76	62,537.23
	2-18-77	5,714.81
	TOTAL	68,252.04

1974 EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1976-1977

<u>Comm.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
No.	11-12-76	1,789.52
	4-18-77	1,059.30
	TOTAL	2,848.82
	TOTALS	1,900,825.07

 TEMPORARY LOANS IN 1976-1977
 IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

<u>Date of Note</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8-2-76	11-4-77	250M @ 3.35%	1,000,000.
		250M @ 3.50%	
		250M @ 3.75%	
		250M @ 3.40%	
8-24-76	11-8-76	250M @ 3.79%	3,000,000.
		250M @ 4.50%	
		250M @ 4.75%	
		1,000M @ 5.55%	
		1,000M @ 5.75%	
		200M @ 5.87%	
		50M @ 6.00%	

9-14-76	11-15-76	250M @ 4.55%	1,000,000.
		250M @ 4.60%	
		250M @ 4.74%	
		200M @ 4.85%	
		50M @ 4.99%	
9-27-76	11-30-76	250M @ 4.70%	1,500,000.
		500M @ 4.74%	
		500M @ 4.94%	
		250M @ 4.95%	
10-26-76	12-10-76	1,500M @ 4.49%	2,000,000.
		500M @ 4.00%	
11-9-76	12-20-76	1,000M @ 4.47%	1,000,000.
11-23-76	12-31-76	1,000M @ 4.94%	1,000,000.
12-15-76	12-31-76	4,000M @ 5.24%	4,000,000.
1-4-77	4-2-77	1,000M @ 4.90%	1,000,000.
1-18-77	5-10-77	500M @ 4.23%	1,000,000.
		250M @ 4.68%	
		250M @ 4.73%	
1-31-77	5-13-77	500M @ 4.70%	1,500,000.
		500M @ 4.74%	
		500M @ 4.94%	
2-15-77	5-13-77	250M @ 4.80%	1,500,000.
		500M @ 4.84%	
		250M @ 4.95%	
		500M @ 5.10%	
3-1-77	5-10-77	1,000M @ 4.92%	1,000,000.
3-16-77	5-13-77	500M @ 4.73%	500,000.
TOTAL			21,000,000.

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED IN 1976–1977

August 26, 1976

\$75,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity October 28, 1976
for

CONWELL HEALEY REMODELING

September 17, 1976

\$350,000.00 @ 4.70% Interest payable at maturity October 28,
1976 for

CONWELL HEALEY REMODELING

December 20, 1976

\$25,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1977
for

CONWELL HEALEY REMODELING

January 17, 1977

\$125,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1977
for

PLANNING BONDS

January 24, 1977

\$125,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1977
for

CONWELL HEALEY REMODELING

March 1, 1977

\$6,275,000.00
BOND SALE

May 6, 1977

\$50,000.00 @ 4.95% Interest payable at maturity January 31, 1978
for

STREET BOND

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING FUND DEBT

as of

JUNE 30, 1977

Description of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Due Date	Amount Due
School Remodeling Loan—1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1983	135,000.00
P.W.D. Incinerator Loan — 1958/1959	3.10%	2-1-59	1977	130,000.00
Funding Loan — 1971	5.60%	12-1-73	1991	5,245,000.00
Water Main Bonds — 1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1980	40,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loans — 1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1982	580,000.00
Capital Improvement Loan — 1974	5.00%	2-1-74	1981	80,000.00
Fire Station Const. Loan—1975	7.90%	9-1-75	1992	1,240,000.00
Library Remodel & Reconst. Loan	7.20%	9-1-75	1984	1,330,000.00
Planning Bonds—Broadway	7.20%	9-1-75	1980	285,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan — 1977	6.87%	3-1-77	1980	90,000.00
Planning Bonds — Street Construction — 1977	6.87%	3-1-77	1981	240,000.00
TOTAL OF LOANS INSIDE DEBT LIMIT				9,395,000.00

LOANS OUTSIDE STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT

Elementary School Loan — 1964	3.10%	10-1-64	1982	810,000.00
Elementary School Loan — 1970	5.60%	9-1-70	1989	2,550,000.00
School Project Loan — 1971	5.25%	8-1-72	1991	3,700,000.00
Urban Renewal Loan — 1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1986	495,000.00
School Project Loan — 1974	5.50%	12-1-73	1994	5,670,000.00
School Project Loan — 1975	7.90%	9-1-75	1993	2,010,000.00
Capital Improvement Loan — 1975	7.20%	9-1-75	1993	80,000.00
School Project Loan — 1977	6.87%	3-1-77	1995	5,945,000.00
TOTAL LOANS OUTSIDE STATUTORY LIMIT				21,260,000.00

PROJECTED ANNUAL FUNDED DEBT AND INTEREST

PAYMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Amount Due</u>
1977	2,265,000.00	1,438,642.50	3,703,642.50
1978	2,105,000.00	1,310,557.50	3,415,557.50
1979	1,980,000.00	1,194,527.50	3,174,527.50
1980	1,890,000.00	1,082,590.00	2,972,590.00
1981	1,825,000.00	973,360.00	2,798,360.00
1982	1,770,000.00	870,185.00	2,640,185.00
1983	1,685,000.00	770,010.00	2,455,010.00
1984	1,540,000.00	672,430.00	2,212,430.00
1985	1,400,000.00	580,575.00	1,980,575.00
1986	1,380,000.00	498,800.00	1,878,800.00
1987	1,350,000.00	418,145.00	1,768,145.00
1988	1,350,000.00	339,170.00	1,689,170.00
1989	1,300,000.00	260,195.00	1,560,195.00
1990	1,150,000.00	184,110.00	1,334,110.00
1991	1,095,000.00	116,245.00	1,211,245.00
1992	500,000.00	51,375.00	551,375.00
1993	350,000.00	23,025.00	373,025.00
1994	150,000.00	4,125.00	154,125.00
TOTALS	25,085,000.00	10,788,067.50	35,873,067.50

PROJECTED FUNDED DEBT AND INTEREST

TO BE PAID IN 1976-1977

<u>Month Due</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>	<u>Interest On Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
August	450,000.00	316,752.50	766,752.50
September	660,000.00	286,212.50	946,212.50

October	130,000.00	14,925.00	144,925.00
December	350,000.00	156,660.00	506,660.00
February	620,000.00	304,590.00	924,590.00
March	55,000.00	263,352.50	318,352.50
April	----	12,895.00	12,895.00
June	----	146,860.00	146,860.00
TOTALS	2,265,000.00	1,502,247.50	3,767,247.50

**PROJECTED ANNUAL FUNDED DEBT AND INTEREST
PAYMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1977**

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Amount Due
1978	2,530,000.00	1,728,353.95	4,258,353.95
1979	2,400,000.00	1,582,277.08	3,982,277.08
1980	2,210,000.00	1,441,464.58	3,751,464.58
1981	2,215,000.00	1,302,390.86	3,517,390.86
1982	2,100,000.00	1,176,465.92	3,276,465.92
1983	2,015,000.00	1,053,603.42	3,068,603.42
1984	1,870,000.00	933,335.92	2,803,335.92
1985	1,730,000.00	818,793.42	2,548,793.42
1986	1,710,000.00	714,330.92	2,424,330.92
1987	1,680,000.00	610,988.43	2,290,988.43
1988	1,680,000.00	509,325.92	2,189,325.92
1989	1,630,000.00	407,663.42	2,037,663.42
1990	1,480,000.00	308,890.92	1,788,890.92
1991	1,425,000.00	218,338.42	1,643,338.42
1992	830,000.00	130,780.92	960,780.92
1993	680,000.00	79,745.42	759,745.42
1994	480,000.00	38,155.92	518,155.92
1995	330,000.00	11,343.42	341,343.42
TOTALS	30,095,000.00	13,066,248.86	42,161,248.86

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

March 1978

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Election Commissioners respectfully submits the following report for the year 1976–1977.

REGISTRATION

Before State Primary September 14, 1976, registration was held in the office at City Hall beginning on January 2nd and continuing until August 17, 1976, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. every day except Saturday; also on Monday August 9th, Tuesday August 13th, and Monday August 16th, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., Saturday, August 14 from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 P.M. Last day of registration on Tuesday, August 17th from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. at City Hall.

OUTSIDE REGISTRATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS

Monday, August 9th	East Somerville Community School on Glen Street
Tuesday, August 10th	Lincoln Pk. Community School on Washington Street
Wednesday, August 11th	Central Library on Highland Avenue
Thursday, August 12	Winter Hill Community School on Medford Street

Friday, August 13th Kennedy School
 Cherry & Elm Street
 West Branch Library
 on College Avenue
 Monday, August 16th Powder House Community School
 on Broadway

As of June 30, 1976, there were 34,168 names on the Voting List.
 869 names were added to the Voting List as follows:

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
July 1 thru August 6, 1976	105	109	214
August 9 thru August 16, 1976	141	177	318
Last Day — August 17, 1976	150	187	337
	<u>396</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>869</u>

As of August 17, 1976, total voters were 35,037.

After the State Primary September 14, 1976, three thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine (3,779) names were added to the voting list from August 18, 1976 thru October 5, 1976, as follows:

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
August 18 thru October 5, 1976	1,755	2,024	3,779

As of October 5, 1976, total voters were 38,816.

NOMINATION PAPERS

The Board of Election Commissioners received three hundred and thirty-seven (337) Democratic nomination papers, of which ten thousand three hundred and one (10,301) names were certified. Eight (8) Republican nomination papers, of which one hundred and five (105) names were certified. Six (6) American nomination papers, of which one hundred and

thirty-eight (138) names were certified, and also six hundred and fifty-one (651) Independent and other parties nomination papers, of which four thousand five hundred and forty-nine (4,549) names were certified.

The Board of Election Commissioners also certified one thousand six hundred and sixteen (1,616) initiative petitions.

JURORS

In accordance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1924, the Election Commissioners prepared a list of the inhabitants of Somerville, liable to serve as jurors,

The Board has established a system whereby each person provisionally selected for jury service fills out a questionnaire and appears before the Board at the office and makes oath to the statements contained therein. This gives the Board an opportunity to meet each individual and note, if any, his physical defects or disability to render the county the service that would be required from him as a juror. These personal examinations also enable the Board to know the educational qualifications of each prospective juror.

The jury list for the years 1976–1977, prepared by the Board, contains the names of seven hundred and ninety-six (796) prospective jurors.

To the Honorable, the Major
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Listing Board of the City of Somerville respectfully submits the following report for the 1976–1977.

Listing of males and females, seventeen years of age and upwards.

MALE	UNDER 17		TOTAL	MALE	17 & OVER		TOTAL
	FEMALE				FEMALE		
8,103	7,690		15,793	26,458	31,873		58,331

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Ercolini, Chairman
William George
Ida Donadio
R. Louise Skipper
Thomas J. O'Brien

Listing Board of the City of Somerville

NOTICES MAILED TO VOTERS NOT ON POLICE LISTING

MAILED – May 27, 1977 (all wards of the city)

WARD		TOTAL
1	.....	273
2	.....	446
3	.....	573
4	.....	680
5	.....	622
6	.....	443
7	.....	805
		<hr/> 3,842
Returned to Voting List		1,360
Undelivered		492
Out of City		28
Deceased		8
Unheard from		1,962
		<hr/> 3,842

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

1977

To the Honorable, the Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following, which is a summary of the work of the department for the year 1977, as the twenty-ninth annual report of the Board of Health.

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Slaughter	1 license	@	1.00	1.00
Physical Therapist	1 license	@	1.00	1.00
Milk	177 licenses	@	2.00	354.00
Ice Cream	152 licenses	@	1.00	152.00
Ice Cream Manufacture	12 licenses	@	5.00	50.00
Ice Cream Manufacture	1 license	@	200.00	200.00
Retail Food	145 permits	@	5.00	725.00
Combination Retail Food & Food Service	234 permits	@	10.00	2,340.00
Funeral Directors	21 permits	@	15.00	315.00
Rabies Inoculations	358 shots	@	3.00	1,074.00
Total monies collected				5,212.00

BIOLOGICAL SUPPLIES AND DIAGNOSTIC TEST OUTFITS

The Board of Health continued as distribution center for all biologic supplies and diagnostic test outfits, with substations at the following:

Health Clinic — Public Works Building

Central Hospital — Central Street

Somerville Hospital — Crocker Street

BIOLOGICALS:

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis antigen
 Diphtheria and tetanus
 Diphtheria and tetanus — Adult
 Immune serum globulin
 Tuberculin
 Poliomyelitis
 Tetanus Toxoid
 Typhoid
 Measles, Mumps and German Measles (combination)
 Measles

DIAGNOSTIC OUTFITS:

Throat Cultures
 Serology Tubes
 Undulant Fever
 Enteric Cultures
 Gonorrhea Smear

TUBERCULIN TESTING PERFORMED BY SCHOOL NURSES

First Grade — Tine Test

Number tested	517
Number negative	516
Referred for further testing	1

Ninth Grade — Mantoux

Number tested	407
Number negative tested	403
Number retested by X-Ray	4
Number on prophylaxis	4

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM PERFORMED BY SCHOOL NURSES

Polio	396
Tetanus — Diphtheria	330
Measles — Mumps — Rubella	408
Measles	283

	Routine Physicals	School Physicians	Private Physician	Student Referral
Grade 4	484	467	275	9
Grade 9	300	294	131	4
TOTALS	784	761	406	13

Physical examinations completed in all schools and submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Public Schools:	Hearing tests performed	7,734
	Hearing test failures	1,042
	Hearing test follow-up	1,152
Parochial Schools:	Hearing tests performed	1,434
	Hearing test failures	178
	Hearing test follow-up	245

Public Schools:	Vision tests performed	7,529
	Vision test failures	976
	Vision test follow—up	1,004
Parochial Schools:	Vision tests performed	2,136
	Vision test failures	241
	Vision test follow—up	210

TUBERCULIN TESTING PROGRAM AT HEALTH CLINIC

12 cases of tuberculosis reported:

- 1 admitted to University Hospital
- 1 admitted to Somerville Hospital
- 1 admitted to V.A. Hospital, Jamaica Plain
- 2 admitted to Cambridge Hospital
- 1 admitted to Middlesex County Hospital
- 1 admitted to Central Hospital

Age & Sex of Tuberculoses cases reported:

20 years to 30 years	0 Females — 1 Male
30 years to 40 years	3 Females — 0 Males
50 years to 60 years	0 Females — 2 Males
60 years to 70 years	0 Females — 1 Male
70 years to 80 years	1 Female — 4 Males

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 1977

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria, Pertusses & Tetanus	55	11	15	8	21
Diphtheria & Tetanus . . . . .	.129	39	23	14	53
Polio . . . . .	.206	46	39	26	95
Measles, Mumps & Rubella . . . .	.123				
Tuberculin Skin Tests					
Tine	24				
Mantoux . . . . .	.116				
Measles	5				
TOTAL IMMUNIZATIONS	658	96	77	48	169

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Chickenpox	51	5. Salmonellosis	17
2. German Measles	3	6. Streptococcal	68
3. Hepatitis	6	7. Tuberculosis	12
4. Meningitis	3	8. Malaria	1

FLU CLINIC

There were 1,182 Flu inoculations administered by the Board of Health run clinics:

813	—	Elderly
131	—	City Employees
7	—	House Visits
231	—	Teachers
<u>1,182</u>	—	Total

MORTALITY — 1977

Deaths by Ages	Male	Female	Total
1. Under one year	1	2	3
2. One to five years	0	0	0
3. Five to ten years	0	0	0
4. Ten to fifteen years	0	0	0
5. Fifteen to twenty years	1	0	1
6. Twenty to thirty years	3	5	8
7. Thirty to forty years	3	2	5
8. Forty to fifty years	9	8	17
9. Fifty to sixty years	33	19	52
10. Sixty to seventy years	66	46	112
11. Seventy to eighty years	63	57	120
12. Eighty to ninety years	38	77	115
13. Ninety to one—hundred years . .	9	23	32
14. Over one—hundred years	0	0	0
TOTALS	226	239	465

DEATHS AT INSTITUTIONS

1. Deaths at Somerville Hospital	246
2. Deaths at Central Hospital	77
3. Deaths at Holy Rosary Home	8
4. Deaths at other Institutions	20

DEATHS DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS

1968 — 696	1973 — 574
1969 — 682	1974 — 566
1970 — 696	1975 — 505
1971 — 624	1976 — 529
1972 — 613	1977 — 465

CAUSES OF DEATHS — 1977

Classifications	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
1. Infectious & Parasitic Diseases	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
2. Cancer and other Tumors	5	5	5	9	6	6	7	5	6	8	4	5	71
3. Rheumatism, —Diseases of Nutrition, etc. . .	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4. Diseases of Blood Forming Organs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Chronic poisoning and Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Diseases of Nervous System & Sense Organs	4	2	5	3	7	1	1	2	4	2	2	3	36
7. Diseases of Circulatory System	29	22	21	18	25	15	18	13	21	25	18	23	248
8. Diseases of Respiratory System	8	3	8	1	3	7	6	2	4	2	4	3	51
9. Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	8
10. Diseases of Genito—Urinary System	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	9
11. Diseases of Pregnancy — Childbirth, etc. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
12. Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Diseases of Bones — Organs of Movement . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Congenital Malformation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Diseases Peculiar to 1st Year of Life	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16. Senility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Violent or Accidental	1	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	3	3	2	18
18. Ill Defined and Unknown Causes	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	14
TOTALS	53	39	39	35	44	33	38	27	39	43	35	40	465

ANIMAL BITES

Animal Bites Reported during the year 1977:

Dog Bites	233
Cat Bites	3
Alligator Bite	1
Squirrel Bite	1

The above animal bites were reported to the Veterinarian when the animal owner was known. Where possible the animal was ordered restrained.

On April 16, 1977 the Board of Health sponsored a Rabies Clinic for Somerville residents.

365 Dogs were inoculated against Rabies.

HOUSING INSPECTION DIVISION

Total inspections made	1853
Violations reported	755
Re-inspections	1680
Violations corrected	936
Landlords brought to court	92

Telephone complaints received for year

Telephone complaints	1265
Telephone complaints resolved	1265

Breakdown of telephone complaints:

Rubbish	394
Water	181
Electric	56
Heat	201

Rotents and vermin	126
Unsanitary conditions	49
Interior	74
Exterior	31
Dogs, cats and birds	394
Miscellaneous	70
TOTAL	1265

Some re-inspections made because original inspection made prior to January 1, 1977.

Breakdown of court cases:

Court complaints (Trials)	21
Court complaints (Hearings)	71
Total court appearances	117

Law Enforcement:

Legal notices served regular mail	2284
Legal notices served — certified mail	205

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

- Sanitary Inspections:
1. Request by State Department of Public Health
 2. Request by Telephone
 3. Request by Mail
 4. Routine Inspections of Establishments

Number of Establishments Inspected	384
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1. Food establishments inspected	1,536
2. Schools inspected	0
3. Day Care Centers inspected	4
4. Mobile dairy units inspected	8
5. Nursing Homes inspected	4
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	1,552

Number of Written Complaints 112

Number of Notices Sent 9

Breakdown of Sanitary Complaints:

1. Unsanitary Food establishments	17
2. Debris	43
3. Food and Dairy Products	4
4. Rats and Roaches	7
5. Offensive Odors	7
6. Smoke Nuisances	7
7. Water Problems	7
8. Miscellaneous	20
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TOTAL	112

LICENSES:

141 Retail Food Service @ \$5.00 \$705.00

226 Retail Food & Food Service Combination @ \$10.00 \$2,965.00

**THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ANNUAL REPORT — 1977**

With the close of our first full year operating from the newly renovated Central Building, we are pleased to record that public response has been excellent. There are more borrowers than ever before registered, and circulation is above our last best year before renovations.

Programs of many types have been presented at the Main Library and at the West Branch. These are well attended. Only the East Branch still needs attention.

During the year the Library was the recipient of three project grants. One was in the amount of \$8,500.00 principally for the purpose of purchasing foreign language materials and translating information into the most prevalent non-English languages spoken in Somerville. This award was made through LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act).

Another grant was awarded jointly to this library, Mt. Auburn Hospital Library and four other community libraries for form a Community Health Information Network. The main grant money was awarded by the National Library of Medicine for three years in the amount of \$196,991. The other part of the grant was from LSCA, Title III for first year expenses in the amount of \$19,312.

At this time we have just received news on a third LSCA grant for a core collection of medical materials that particularly address adolescent health problems to supplement the Health project. The amount of this grant is \$3,000. We are currently awaiting news on two other grants. One is from the Council on the Arts and Humanities for instructors and materials in order to offer art courses at the Library. Another is written with Northeastern University to provide university credit courses on an individual basis to citizens in this community at this Library. The money will come from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education and is for three years in the amount of \$458,337.00.

For the first time in several years the Library has CETA workers. Under Title VI, special projects, we have nine workers. One program is a metric education project, a second is a book restoration project, and a third a supplement to the Foreign Language project.

Five workers have been assigned under Title II and are working in various departments as typists, clerks and bibliographic searchers.

Our buildings need proper maintenance by knowledgeable people. This has not been accomplished at the Central Library, nor at the East Branch.

East Branch is atrocious. It is dirty and dark. Lighting fixtures were removed two years ago and never replaced. New ventilating, furnace, plumbing, and wiring are needed. The Feasibility Study recommended that a wing be added for a children's room. This would be an excellent plant should Community Development Funds become available.

The Central Library has not had the windows cleaned, nor have minor repairs been done, such as touching up paint scratches and repairing broken windows. The chairs have never been cleaned either — by dusting, vacuuming or polishing—nor are the floors cleaned properly regularly.

Our services continue to improve and expand. Members of the staff have been active in finding programs of interest to the community. The Bookmobile, gift of the Somerville Lions Club, provides film programs for the housing projects, the Adult Services Department sponsored a performance of "Freedom and Angelina," a singing, spoken play about Angelina Grimke, an abolitionist, and the Children's Department had some delightful experiences with the Odyssey Puppets, to name just a few outstanding programs that were well attended. Children's film programs and adult film programs frequently draw full houses and provide free information and entertainment.

The Library cooperates with other agencies such as the School Department, Summerfest, and the Council for Children.

Unique programs this year, in addition to those mentioned, include Library Creative Dramatics, a non-profit group sponsored by a private fund to run dramatic workshops for children from grades two through five.

Art classes for teenagers were very popular and the library is grateful to Katherine Martin Widmer for her time as the instructor.

For the first time this Library was chosen as a site for an exhibit of the best books produced in New England during the year. It is called "The New England Book Show" and the books were exhibited in the lobby of the Central Library for three weeks in the spring.

Class visits continue at all levels from day care through senior high school. Every eighth grade class at Southern Junior High School has visited the Library so that nearly all the classes, grades eight and nine, in that school have been introduced to the library.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon meeting at the Library and were impressed with business materials owned by the library and the competent Reference staff ready to serve them.

The West Branch has continued very successful film programs, as well as adult and children's programs, particularly the Children's Halloween Program and the National Children's Book Week program in which the children constructed their own books.

The Adult Department has just barely kept pace with public demand for new books. The average price for an adult book is now over sixteen dollars and limits the library's ability to purchase considerably even though our contracts allow us a substantial discount. Replacements are extremely difficult to make under these financial conditions.

The staff, old and new, have worked together well to accomplish all the many events that have taken place this year. We are particularly pleased with our CETA workers.

However, there are problems. The major one still involves staff. A new classification and pay plan with a built-in management reviewing process is essential to bring this library into line with other libraries.

One other major effort necessary at this time is that of making a procedure manual. Many practices have changed over the years and new operations have been added. These all need to be studied, then combined where possible, and put into one procedure manual so that the public will, hopefully, receive the same information from all staff members in similar situations and the staff members will know what policy applies to what situation.

Finally, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen have made our ideas a reality by their support, which is always most appreciated.

Annalee M. Bundy
Director

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM FOR UNIFORM STATISTICS

City: Somerville County: Middlesex State: Massachusetts

Name of Library: The Public Library of the City of Somerville

Date of Founding: 1872

Name of Director: Annalee M. Bundy

Report for the year ending December 31, 1977

Governmental unit of support and service: City

Population served: 80,596

Terms of use: Free for lending, Free for reference

Agencies:		
Central Library	.....	1
Branch in Library Building	.....	2
Bookmobile	.....	1
Others, in schools	.....	0
in institutions	.....	0
Rest Homes	.....	11
Homes for the Aged	.....	1
TOTAL	.....	16

Circulation and Use:

Number of volumes of adult non—fiction lent for home use	..	40,806
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	.....	43,377
Number of volumes of juveniles lent for home use	.....	59,082
Number of undefined volumes lent for home use	.....	23,850
Total number of volumes lent for home use	.....	167,115
Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock	.....	21 days

Number of Inter—Library loans:

Volumes lent	.....	3
Volumes borrowed	.....	113
Films lent	.....	41
Films borrowed	.....	736

Number of Reference questions answered	.....	26,649
Total number of records, art prints and statues lent for home use	.....	10,461

Registration:

Borrowers registered during year	.....	11,467
Registration Period	.....	Indefinite

Book Stock:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes December 31, 1976	110,080	66,076	176,156
Number of volumes added during year	10,010	5,237	15,247
Number of volumes withdrawn during year	1,123	2,230	3,353
Number of volumes December 31, 1977	118,967	69,083	188,050
Number of newspapers currently received, excluding duplicates			35
Number of periodicals currently received, excluding duplicates			458

FINANCE

Assessed Valuation of the City (Real Estate) \$141,544,400.00
 City Tax Rate for 1977 \$268.10 per thousand

Receipts \$651,781.23

Local taxes — Library Department

1976—77 Budget \$551,835.71

1977—78 Budget 605,789.55

Fines included in above \$ 3,989.85

Dog Licenses included in above 8,602.80

Invested Funds

Balance from 1976 \$ 9,391.53

Interest During 1977 6,886.89 16,278.42

State Aid — \$30,223.50 to City toward payment of Renovation Bond

Total Receipts \$668,059.65

Expenditures

Salaries — Library Department \$475,533.45

Books Appropriation \$84,192.43
 Funds 4,316.41 88,508.84

Music Supplies —	Appropriation	\$ 743.21	
	Funds	50.04	793.25
Periodicals —	Appropriation	\$ 9,448.46	
	Funds	61.10	9,509.56
Binding			
Other Operating Expenses	Appropriation	\$81,428.13	
	Funds	1,431.18	82,859.31
	Total Expenditures		\$657,640.96
Balance December, 1977 —	Trust Funds		10,418.69
	Grand Total		\$668,059.65
Library Renovation —	Friends of the Library Fund		\$1,637.51
LSCA Title I Special Project Grant	Awarded		\$8,500.00

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1977

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Police Department,
for the fiscal year 1977—1978.

Thomas J. O'Brien
Chief

REPORTS

Accidents reported	1429
Automobiles Stolen	1486
Automobiles recovered	1844
Bank Alarms	17
Buildings found open and secured	219
Business house alarms	261
Cases investigated	4952
Dead animals	51
Defective lamps reported	147
Defective sidewalks reported	31
Defective streets reported	68
Defective catch basins and sewers	3
Defective hydrants and gates	7
Defective signs and sign posts	42
Defective wires	43
Disturbances suppressed	327

Dogs killed	25
Dog bites	91
False alarm of fire given	80
Fires reported	457
Gas leaks	3
Houses unoccupied	19
Injured and sick persons assisted	2390
Insane persons cared for	2
Lost children restored	3
Missing persons	88
Missins persons found	73
Obstructions removed from sidewalks and streets	1428
Panes of glass broken	332
Permits to labor on Common Day of Rest	40
Persons notified for various causes	4110
Persons locked out	3
Sudden deaths	113
Summons served, outside	2490
Suspicious persons	122
Stray animals	32
Stray animals found	7
Value of property stolen	\$287,300.00
Value of property recovered	\$348,270.00
Water running to waste	47

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Thomas J. O'Brien

Remarks: J. Whelan

ARRESTS

On Summons	700
On Warrants	526
Without Warrants	1259
Held for Trial	2293
Delivered to other Departments	187
Released on Waiver	5
Males	2196
Females	289
Foreigners	72
Non-residents	512
Minors	293
Juveniles	402

CRIMES

	Male	Female
Accessory	3	2
Affray	10	
Arson	4	1
Assault, Dangerous Weapon	9	1
Assault and Battery Dangerous Weapon	50	4
Assault and Battery	67	8
Assault and Battery on a Police Officer	36	2
Assault and Battery, Indecent	5	
Automobile, using without authority	34	2
Animals, Cruelty to	3	
AWOL Armed Services	1	
Breaking and entering, night time and larceny	20	
Breaking and entering, day time and larceny	17	3
Breaking and entering, night time, int. felony	39	
Breaking and entering attempt	12	
Breaking and entering Dwelling	11	2
Breaking Glass in Building	1	

Burglars' tools possession having	18	1
Burglary	6	
Begetting	1	
Causing false alarm of fire	4	
Common Day of Rest Violating	7	5
Contributing to Delinquency of Child	4	
Default warrant	115	9
Delinquent children	326	67
Disturbing the peace	1	
Dog, keeping dangerous		1
Dog, keeping unlicensed	9	10
Entering W.O. Breaking	1	
Escape from Youth Service Board	7	2
Escapee	1	
Firearms, carrying without a license	13	
Fugitive from Justice	1	
Firearm Law Violation	7	1
Gaming — Use of Telephone for	2	
Harmful Drug Law — Violating	38	3
Idle and disorderly	1	
Illegitimate child act, violating	1	
Indecent exposure	1	
Kidnapping	6	
Larceny	126	46
Larceny, attempt	7	1
Larceny of automobile	27	
Lewdness, Open and Gross	1	
Liquor laws, violating	31	1
Manslaughter	1	
Motor Vehicle Laws, violating	402	43
Murder	2	
Mace	1	
Narcotic Drug Laws, violating	32	3

Neglect of family	22	
Operating under influence	97	11
Operating Motor Vehicle to endanger	37	1
Promoting a lottery and concernect, ect.	11	
Property, injury to, etc.	20	2
Rape	4	
Rape attempt	1	
Receiving stolen goods	62	9
Registering bets, etc.	4	
Rescue of prisoner, attempt	3	
Robbery, attempt	8	
Robbery (armed)	26	
Robbery (unarmed)	4	3
Rude or Disorderly Conduct	29	2
Runaways	2	
Safe keeping	4	
Speeding	54	4
Telephone, annoying calls	3	1
Threats and Intimidations	14	2
Trespass	10	1
Us. MV W/O Auth. Rt. Op. Sups.	12	1
Uttering	13	4
Violation St. Sanitary Code	1	1
Violating of City Ordinance	46	3
Violating of conditions of probation	20	1
Violation of Parking law	56	22
Violation of Traffic Cont. Sig.	106	3
Violation of Parole	1	
Violation of traffic regulations	1	
Weapon, possession, dangerous	3	

SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 1977

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Somerville Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1977.

The Fire Department responded to the following alarms:

First alarms	3194
Second alarms	28
Third alarms	4
Still alarms	3125
TOTAL Alarms	<u>6351</u>

A new mutual aid agreement was made with 26 Cities and Towns to provide each community with the apparatus and assistance needed to extinguish the larger fires which are beyond that community's own resources. This new mutual aid pact, known as Metrofire District No. 13, will be beneficial to all members of the agreement. Mutual aid was received by the City 558 times during the year. We responded to neighboring communities 461 times during the year.

Two citizens lost their lives as a result of smoke inhalation and asphyxiation suffered at fires.

Fire losses to property were as follows:

Buildings	\$1,268,122.00	est.
Contents	392,470.00	est.
Motor Vehicles	491,850.00	est.
TOTAL losses	<u>\$2,152,442.00</u>	est.

All pumpers were given an annual test in drafting operations to assure that they were in proper condition. Fire hose was subjected to an

annual pressure test to assure dependability and to detect defects. A total of 449,850 feet of hose was used in firefighting operations. Ladders totalling 17,104 feet were used. All hydrants were checked for operating condition. Hydrant caps were lubricated and any defects noted were reported to the Water Department.

Fourteen men, including Chief of Department Joseph M. Mack, were retired during the year. One firefighter resigned to take a position with another fire department.

Thirty-three men were appointed to the department and, after training, were assigned to fire companies. They are a welcome addition to the department to replace the men retired over the last few years.

The Training Department completed training of the entire Fire Department in techniques of rendering cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency first aid.

MBTA conducted classes on extrication and emergency safety precautions.

The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 2070 inspections during the year. Inspections were made of dwellings, apartment houses and multiple dwellings, Schools, Hospitals, Nursing and Convalescent homes were given quarterly inspections. All oil burner installations and alterations were inspected to assure compliance with the laws and rules and regulations. All construction plans were checked.

The Fire Department wishes to thank his Honor the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen and all department heads of the City government for their assistance and cooperation during the year 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Donovan
Acting Chief Engineer

CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

During the year 1977 the volunteers of the Somerville Civil Defense Department donated a total of over 20,896 hours to the City of Somerville. This is broken down as follows:

AUXILIARY POLICE: Over 14,429 hours, which includes cruiser duty, church traffic, anti-vandalism patrols of the public building, police science training, firearms instruction, parades, holidays and crowd control at fires.

AUXILIARY FIRE: Over 6,467 hours, which includes emergency response to fires, water leaks, pumpouts, summer concerts, mutual aid to other cities and training assignments.

This combined total of hours for the two Auxiliary Units, over 20,896 hours, represents a total savings to the City by our volunteer Civil Defense forces of \$175,168.00 for 1977.

Once again, we of the Somerville Civil Defense Department are proud to have the best trained and most active Auxiliary Units in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This year Somerville Civil Defense has sponsored two courses in Disaster Preparation for Nurses, two Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Courses and conducted a highly publicized and very successful disaster drill for our two hospitals and our fire department. We were also active in the combined disaster drill held by the Middlesex Hospital Association.

John A. McNerny
Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission of the City of Somerville for the year ending December 31, 1977.

Commission Michael E. Rubin served as Chairman of the Licensing Commission from January 1, 1977 to June 23, 1977 and Commissioner Earle E. Coke served as Acting Chairman for the balance of the year.

Dominick J. Zoccola, 88 Bartlett Street, Somerville, was appointed by the Mayor, approved by the Board of Aldermen and sworn in on June 28, 1977 for a term of three years, replacing Commissioner Michael E. Rubin whose term had expired.

Officer Vincent McDonough of the Somerville Police Department was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1977.

Board of Health Inspector Vincent Chiozzi was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1977.

The Licensing Commission received the following applications for the year of 1977:—

- 2 — Applications:— One application for a Malt Beverages & Wines 7-Day Educational Institution License. They voted 'GRANTED' on this application. An Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approval not required on this type of a license. The other application was for a Malt Beverages & Wines 7-Day Restaurant license. They voted 'DENIED' on this application. The applicant did not appeal to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

- 1 — Application for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation:— They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 5 — Applications for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation and a change of manager:— They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 2 — Applications for a transfer of location and then a transfer voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 3 — Applications for additional premises:— They voted 'GRANTED' on two of these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them. The other application was withdrawn by the applicant.
- 4 — Applications for change in the interior of the premises:— They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications. An Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approval not required.
- 2 — Applications for adding a doing business name:— They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 1 — Application for change of corporation name:— They voted 'GRANTED' on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 2 — Applications for change in doing business name:— They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 5 — Applications for transfer of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

- 2 — Applications for pledge of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 7 — Applications for change of officers which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 11 — Applications for change of manager which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 1 — Court notice that a Receiver was appointed. No approval required.
- 108 — Applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License for 1978 — No hearings on these applications as the applications were for the same type of license and were filed prior to December 1, 1977, which entitled the applicants to an automatic renewal under Chapter 352 acts of 1970.
- 57 — All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Restaurant 7-Day License'
- 1 — Malt Beverages and Wine 'Restaurant 7-Day License'
- 11 — Malt Beverages and Wines Educational Institution 7-Day License
- 2 — All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Innholder 7-Day License'
- 16 — All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Club 7-Day License'
- 20 — All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Package Goods' Store License

- 9 — Malt Beverages and Wines 'Package Goods' Store License
- 2 — All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Section 30—A License' (Druggist)

They 'GRANTED' eight Special Alcoholic Beverages Licenses, three hundred sixteen Liquor Identification Cards, ten Full Entertainment Licenses and ten Dance Licenses.

Thirteen violations of the Law were reported to the Licensing Commission and after holding hearings on these they took appropriate action.

The established policy of the Licensing Commission relative to routine matters of office procedure and the issuance of licenses has not materially changed.

A general inspection tour of all licensed premises brought out the fact that all establishments are now equipped with up-to-date facilities.

We wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation and whole-hearted support given our Commission by Police Inspector Vincent McDonough and Board of Health Inspector Vincent Chiozzi assigned to our Commission. We also wish to acknowledge the efficient and faithful service of our Clerk Mary I. Kenney.

An itemized report of the fees received during the year ending December 31, 1977 is as follows:—

(See following page)

Two Malt Beverages & Wines Package Goods Store Licenses were not renewed for the year of 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Costas Chitouras, Chairman
Earle E. Coke, Commissioner
Dominick J. Zoccolo, Commissioner

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

1977

LICENSES GRANTED AND FEE RECEIVED:

1	RENEWAL	(1977)	All Forms 'Pkg Goods' Store License	\$1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
20	RENEWALS	(1978)	All Forms 'Pkg Goods' Store License	1,000.00		20,000.00
9	RENEWALS	(1978)	Malt Beverages & Wines Goods' Store License	400.00		3,600.00
2	RENEWALS	(1977)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	1,100.00		2,200.00
57	RENEWALS	(1978)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	1,100.00		62,700.00
1	RENEWALS	(1978)	Malt Beverages & Wines Restaurant License 7-Day	500.00		500.00
16	RENEWALS	(1978)	All Forms Club Restaurant License 7-Day	250.00		4,000.00
2	RENEWALS	(1978)	All Forms Innholder License 7-Day	1,300.00		2,600.00
1		(1977)	Malt & Wines Educational Institution 7-Day	500.00		500.00
1	RENEWAL	(1978)	Malt & Wines Educational Institution 7-Day	500.00		500.00
2	RENEWALS	(1978)	Section 30-A License (Gruggist)	300.00		600.00
8		(1977)	Special Alcoholic License	10.00		80.00
316		(1977)	Liquor Identification Cards	2.00		632.00
51		(1977)	Common Victualler's License	10.00		510.00
146		(1978)	Common Victualler's License	10.00		1,460.00
2		(1978)	Innholder License	10.00		20.00
2		(1977)	Chap. 140, E-21 (Food License Club)	10.00		20.00
2		(1978)	Chap. 140, E-21 (Food License Club)	10.00		20.00
2		(1977)	Entertainment License	5.00		10.00
59		(1978)	Entertainment License	5.00		295.00
1		(1978)	Entertainment License	1.00		1.00
10		(1978)	Dance License	25.00		250.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1977						\$101,498.00
EXPENSES 7/1/76 - 6/30/76						2,169.48
NET TOTAL REVENUE OF DEPARTMENT 1977						\$99,328.52

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

July 14, 1978

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Annual Report of the Veterans' Services Department for fiscal year July 1976 through June 1977 is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, is a recapitulation of financial expenditures as made in accordance with the State regulations governing the disbursements of Veterans' Benefits under Chapter 115, M.G.L.

The major portion of Veterans' Benefits as granted was to furnish direct financial assistance and/or medical vendor payments in behalf of needy qualified veterans of wartime service and their dependents or survivors.

The amount and duration of Veterans' Benefits as expended is naturally predicated upon the socio-economic factors governing our present economy. A continued high rate of unemployment has reflected general increases in all phases of assistance granted qualified applicants throughout our city which has an approximate veteran population of 13,500 persons.

In all instances, personnel within the department have utilized and pursued the possibility of assisting applicants in applying for and establishing eligibility for all other state or federally funded assistance programs that they would otherwise be entitled by law to receive in order to restrict local expenditures.

State mandated increases in Veterans' Benefits assistance budgets, as well as continuing annual increases in all areas of hospitals and medical services, are placing greater demands on local budgetary appropriations.

It is safe to say, however, that the City of Somerville should receive an approximate Veterans' Services reimbursement of \$100,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for fiscal year 1976-1977.

A minimal amount of overtime assignments have been necessary for all personnel of the department in order to augment the lack of two full-time Investigators. At present the supervisory employees of the department have been taking on additional duties and caseload responsibilities in order that the department might continue to maintain a continued and efficient control of all expenditures necessary, providing needed services to our needy veterans and their dependents.

Recent statistics show that Massachusetts has the second highest veteran population in the nation, of which approximately 13,500 are residents of this city. Due to the fact that Mass. G.L. Chapter 115 provides that not only veterans alone, but needy non-veteran parents and dependent children and wives or widows of a veteran as well are eligible to apply for Veterans Benefits when in need. Therefore, it is an established fact that over fifty per cent of our population will directly or indirectly be serviced through our available veterans' programs.

I wish to extend to you Mr. Mayor and the Honorable members of the Board of Aldermen, the appreciation of this department for your cooperation and courtesies extended during the past year in recognizing the continued needs of our indigent or disabled veterans and their families or their surviving widows and dependent children.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon W. Curtin
Director
Veterans' Services and Benefits

1976 — 1977

RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Month	Veterans Benefits			Total Relief	Cash	Medical	Fuel	Groceries
	Somerville	State	Burials					
July	7,014.40	7,014.41		14,028.81	6,331.91	587.99	--	94.50
August	7,831.74	7,831.76		15,663.50	6,773.29	690.69	--	367.76
September	7,812.61	7,812.62	350.00	15,975.23	5,916.51	1,328.36	455.25	112.49
October	13,378.37	13,378.38		26,756.75	6,560.37	5,318.61	1,015.25	484.14
November	7,917.35	7,917.37	250.00	16,084.72	6,220.00	501.59	961.37	234.39
December	7,699.29	7,699.31		15,398.60	5,853.75	753.43	974.62	117.50
January	9,844.85	9,844.84		19,689.69	6,745.88	1,605.60	1,079.50	413.87
February	7,801.03	7,801.06		15,602.09	5,744.01	431.77	937.37	687.88
March	8,383.43	8,383.45		16,766.88	5,842.66	1,372.15	848.62	320.00
April	8,775.68	8,775.69		17,551.37	5,665.87	2,014.56	837.25	258.00
May	6,920.69	6,920.68		13,841.37	5,696.21	685.60	400.88	138.00
June	6,659.93	6,659.93		13,319.86	6,123.16	419.27	--	117.50
TOTALS	100,039.37	100,039.50	600.00	200,678.87	73,473.62	15,709.61	7,510.11	3,346.03

**OFFICE OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
P.W.D. BUILDING**

The Honorable, the Mayor and
the Board of Aldermen
Somerville, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1977.

The following devices were tested and approved or condemned during the year 1977.

	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Sealed</u>	<u>Not Sealed</u>	<u>Condemned</u>
SCALES				
Over 10,000 lbs.	1	3	2	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.		4		
100 to 5,000 lbs.	9	50		
Under 100 lbs. capacity	83	491		17

WEIGHTS

Avoirdupois	130
Metric	175
Apothecary	90

**OIL TRUCKS, GASOLINE STATIONS, GASOLINE TRUCKS
& WHOLESALE BULK METERS**

Gasoline Pumps	55	265	18
Fuel Oil Trucks	/21	49	6
Wholesale Bulk Meters			

TAXIMETERS

Meters on Taxicabs		81	20
TOTALS	169	1338	41

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE

Junk Scales	35
Marking of bread	250
Marking of Food Packages	5,125
Liquid Containers (tonic, etc.)	135
Taximeters (in use)	178
Fuel truck meters	28
Gasoline meters	38

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL TESTS MADE

Gasoline — Retests	21
Scales in use	55
Taxi meters (Other than sealing)	40
Fuel meters (Other than sealing)	19

GASOLINE STATION TESTS

Number of call backs	21
Number of gallons drawn	5,400
Total meters at Stations	265
Total meters sealed	265
Complaints investigated	53

SPOT CHECKS OF COMMODITIES PUT UP FOR SALE

COMMODITY	No. Tested	Found	Incorrect	
		Correct	Under	Over
Bread	250	225	13	12
Butter	185	162	10	12
Confectionary	375	310	15	50
Dry Commodities	40	20	14	6
Fruits and Vegetables	875	815	21	39
Cheese and Dairy	450	380	28	42
Meat	2,750	2,415	150	185
Potatoes	200	140	25	35
TOTALS	5,125	4,467	276	382

Edwin L. Mallard
Sealer of Weights and Measures

THE RECREATION COMMISSION

1977

MARY TOOMEY, Chairperson

PAT LEYNE, Vice—Chairperson

WILLIAM E. BEDINGFIELD

MARYANN DE ANGELIS

ROBERT McELREATH

HAROLD MITCHITSON

ZARVEN NAJARIAN

JOANNE POULIN

ANN SHEEHAN

RITA VAN STEENSBURG

ROBERT J. ARSENAULT, Chairperson (Jan. — May)

RITA P. VAN STEENSBURG, Vice—Chairperson (Jan. —Jan.)

ARTHUR HUGHES (Jan. — March)

Secretary to the Commission: KEVIN F. OLIVER

In Memoriam

WILLIAM A. CURTIN, SR.

Recreation Service — 1960 — 1976

The Recreation Commission wishes to dedicate this Annual Report to the late Mr. William A. “Jake” Curtin, a former Commission Chairman and Vice—Chairman, who served as a member from 1960—1976.

Mr. Curtin enjoyed and deeply treasured his association with the Commission, serving, in fact, as its ambassador of good will throughout our City for almost two decades.

“Jake’s” sincerely warm and caring manner constructively brought together the personalities and ideas of the people interested and involved in public recreation.

His unselfish concern for the welfare of the Commission and those it serves was an inspiration to all fortunate to have known and worked with the man. He was indeed an irreplaceable member and a truly remarkable human being.

ANNUAL REPORT SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

December 31, 1977

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen:

The Somerville Recreation Commission attained its forty—eighth year of full—time, year—round service to the people of the city in 1977.

Mr. Kevin F. Oliver, the Department's fifth Superintendent completed his first full year as Secretary to the Commission. Many of the Superintendent's initial hopes and aspirations for the Commission did indeed reach fruition this past year.

The Commission's Summer Playgrounds' program is a living tribute to the creative genius possessed by former Superintendents Mahoney, Kelley, Pieroni, and Sullivan in the field of public recreation. Somerville's Summer Program of planned intra—playground activities and its network of scheduled inter—unit competition has been a functioning reality since 1917.

The Summer Playgrounds' Season of 1977 opened on Tuesday, July 5. However, the behind—the—scenes advance work for the Superintendent and his staff ran concurrent with the Commission's Springtime programming. Playground Supplies and awards were ordered in March. A survey of the physical needs of our playgrounds was conducted in April and its recommendations forwarded to the Park Department.

The Conwell School unit was the site of the Commission's Summer Program for Somerville Children from 6 to 18 years of age with special needs. The Program's relocation to the Conwell School from the Powder House Community School was particularly beneficial, because the grounds surrounding the Conwell are more spacious and additionally are further removed from heavy city traffic.

Twenty-one pre-schoolers with special needs from Somerville attended a Summer Recreation Program conducted by the Cambridge Recreation Department and the Cambridge-Somerville Mental Health and Retardation Center.

A summation of Playground Activities for 1977 should be divided into two sections: General and Major events. Events considered general occur earlier in the season and require less total staff involvement. Contests and Tournaments such as those conducted at the Local, Sectional or Inter-Playground levels in Bicycle Safety, Chess, Horseshoes, Checkers, Jackstones, and Jumprope, along with League Schedules for Baseball, Volleyball, Softball, Dodgeball, Wiffleball, Co-ed Shoeball, and local Track Meets would be considered general events. Also general in nature were our special Sports Clinics in Baseball, Volleyball, Track, and Paddle Tennis, which were filmed for later instructional use.

Another major event on the All-Season Almanac is our Sectional Play Days, which in 1977 were held at Glen, Trum and Hodgkins Fields. Last Summer's theme remained "Anything Goes," and featured each neighborhood unit depicting a category, like pirates, animals, or a period of time such as the Fifties.

After-school Arts and Crafts sessions were conducted at the East Somerville, Grimmons, Kennedy, Lincoln Park and Powder House Schools with a new session at the Immaculate Conception School.

One of our longest running children's activities, the Model Building Club, was operated one afternoon a week at the Powder House Community School.

Registration for Ceramics again gave testimony to the program's tremendous popularity, as almost all of the veteran members returned to their work tables.

The Holiday Decorating Course provided instruction and assistance in making decorations and gifts for popular holidays.

Sewing Classes experienced growth with a total of three morning classes and one evening class for anyone from teens to Senior Citizens.

The Monday Night Photography Club allows the novice the opportunity to acquire skills in film development, print making, special effects, and other darkroom techniques.

The Recreation Camera Club, which holds memberships in the Photographic Society of America and the New England Camera Club Council, was organized in 1949. The group meets Tuesday evenings at 50 Bow Street.

The Commission's Children's Theatre Program has experienced significant quantitative and qualitative advances in the past few years. Units are presently staffed at the Western Junior High School, where membership is referred to in theatrical circles as the Westside Players; the East Somerville Community School, where the Eastside Players reside; and the Healey School, which houses our first year Healey Players' Group.

The public response all year to the Commission's second full season of Girls' Gymnastics programming was simply overwhelming! The highly successful annual Gymnastics Exhibition in the Spring featured Somerville talent in the sport of the 80's.

The Commission's Youth Leagues provide each participant with an opportunity to compete in sports within his or her own ability level. Youngsters are taught the values of self-discipline and cooperation through organized intramural play.

The Powder House Youth League is the most senior of the three established 8 to 13 year old Boys' Youth Leagues. The PHYL is conducted on Saturdays from September to April at the Powder House Community School Gym and grounds, and has an active membership of over 160 players and coaches.

The next oldest circuit is the Winter Hill Youth League, whose Fall programming consists of a Flag Football League at the Healey Schoolyard and another at the Mystic Housing Projects' Recreational area.

The Lincoln Park Youth League operated an After-school Flag Football League again last Autumn at the Lincoln Park "A" Diamond.

Our two established Girls' Youth Leagues at the Western Junior High School gym and the Healey School Gym offered Saturday morning instruction and game competition in Basketball, Volleyball, Gym Hockey and Flag Football.

Our Girls' Club Program is composed of four distinct Clubs, which are located in Schools throughout the City. Each Club has a weekly meeting at its respective site: the Lincoln Park, East Somerville, Kennedy and Powder House Schools. The Club's general meeting each week serves as an energy outlet via its gym period and a goals assessment through its planning session.

The Commission helps meet the evening exercise needs of the community through a network of six physical fitness centers located in School Gymnasiums across the City. Centers are staffed at the East Somerville Community School, Lincoln Park Community School, Winter Hill Community School, Healey School, Kennedy School and the Powder House Community School.

The Commission supplements its earlier mentioned fine seven-week Summer Program for Special Needs children ages 6-18 with two sessions of Saturday Morning activities.

The Somerville Players came under the sponsorship of the Commission in 1973. The Players provide opportunities for Somerville residents to perform, produce and observe legitimate theatre.

The year 1977 marked the 20th Anniversary of our largest and perhaps most active program, the Somerville Senior Citizens' Club. The Commission wishes to extend its gratitude to all past and present members, Club Officers and Recreation Staff workers, who have made our Seniors' programming without equal.

Our established Women's Leagues of Softball and Twilight and Indoor Basketball reaffirmed their 1976 demand levels of 15 ... 12 ... and 10 teams with respective squad memberships of 18 ... 10 ... and 9 in 1977. These figures offer a sharp contrast with the 1973 combined three program totals of only 11 teams!

Twilight Basketball maintained its record high enrollment of forty—eight Men's teams, sixteen Intermediate ball clubs, and seven Junior entries, for a staggering total of seventy—one "hoop" teams.

The Indoor League provided little let-up in demand for cage time, as another record—equalling field of 32 teams were granted franchises.

Membership in Recreation Slow-Pitch Softball zoomed to 40 teams, with competitive eight-team "A", "B", "C", and "D" Divisions playing night games at Trum, Lincoln and Glen.

The Men's Flag Football League expanded to a twelve-team operation in its fourth year with Foss Park joining Matignon and Dilboy Fields as playing sites for the Sunday morning Gridiron double-headers.

Finally, eight teams rolled up another successful season, their thirty—first, in the Commission's Men's Municipal Bowling League.

Once again this year the Commission wishes to acknowledge the assistance given many of our Leagues' teams by Sponsors. The generosity and interest which these Community people and businesses provide amateur athletes in Somerville allow our Leagues to be first class operations in every respect.

Special recognition and appreciation is expressed to Warner Cable's public access component for its excellent media coverage of our Adult Sports Leagues, Summer Playground activities, and numerous other special events. The amount of Commission originated programs appearing on the local access Channel has been nearly triple that of any other single source for several years. The assistance given our personnel by the employees of Public Access Television has enabled us to recapture for participants their active recreational pursuits, while also enabling the general public the opportunity to passively enjoy the skills and activities of their friends and neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Toomey, Chairperson
Kevin F. Oliver, Secretary
Somerville Recreation Commission

SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 1977

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

(July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977) \$288,796.84

EXPENDITURES (Fiscal Year 1977):

Salaries and Wages	\$246,492.82
Office Supplies	1,050.00
Printing & Stationery	400.00
Postage & Express	1,050.00
Advertising	165.00
Dues & Memberships	400.00
Photographic Supplies & Services . .	350.00
Telephone Service	2,380.00
Professional Services (Work—Study) .	400.00
Refreshments, Etc.	250.00
Books & Text Books	100.00
Automobile Allowance	1,450.00
Bus Rentals	150.00
Clothing & Uniforms	778.00
Trophies & Awards	1,000.00
Audio—Visual Supplies	300.00
Athletic Supplies	7,500.00
Recreational Supplies & Services . . .	4,000.00
Hardware & Paint	2,947.00
Lumber & Wood Products	800.00
Playground Supplies	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance (Automotive)	600.00
Repairs & Maintenance (Tools & Equipment)	175.00

Repairs & Maintenance (Office Equipment)	200.00	
Programs for Retarded & Handicapped Children:		
Bus Rentals	450.00	
Bid Advertising	50.00	
Transportation	3,250.00	
Groceries & Provisions	500.00	
Recreational Supplies & Services	520.00	
Somerville Players Program:		
Recreational Supplies & Services	300.00	
Lumber Products	300.00	
Royalty Fees	200.00	
Equipment Account:		
Passenger Van Truck	4,000.00	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$283,007.82	\$283,007.82

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

Office of the City Clerk

July 1, 1977

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred sixth Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 – June 30, 1977.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For dog licenses issued in FY 1977:

1776 males at \$3.00	\$ 5,328.00
313 females at \$6.00	1,878.00
864 spayed at \$3.00	2,592.00
5 kennels at \$10.00	50.00
1 kennel at \$25.00	25.00
6 transfers at \$.25	1.50
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	\$ 9,874.50

For hunting and fishing licenses issued in FY 1977:

583 fishing at \$8.25	4,809.75
323 hunting at \$8.25	2,664.75
124 sporting at \$13.50	1,674.00
52 minor fishing at \$6.25	325.00
7 res. alien fishing at \$11.25	78.75
4 non-res. citizen fishing at \$14.25 . .	57.00
1 trapping at \$11.50	11.50
1 res. alien hunting at \$16.25	16.25
13 duplicate at \$1.00	13.00
109 waterfowl stamps at \$1.25	136.25
10 archery stamps at \$5.10	51.00
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	\$ 9,837.25

Recording mortgages, assignments, etc.	4,101.05	
Certificates of marriage intentions, including postage	3,361.82	
Furnishing copies of records	12,228.28	
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Licenses:

Auctioneers, 1 at \$2.00; 12 at \$15.00 . .	182.00
Billiard, pool tables and bowling alleys: 39 licenses for 2 billiard tables, 6 pool tables, 31 bowling alleys at \$3.00	117.00
Bus routes, 3 at \$10.00	30.00
Cut meat and sausage, 1 at \$50.00	50.00
Stationary engines, 2 at \$1.00	2.00
Garages, 4 at \$5.00 — 7 at \$10.00	90.00
Garage renewals	445.00
Hackney carriages, 294 at \$10.00	2,940.00
Junk and second hand licenses: collect junk, 4 at \$15.00	60.00
junk shops, 16 at \$35.00	560.00
Lodging house, 1 at \$2.00	2.00
Street musician, 1 at \$.50 . . . . .	.50
Outdoor parking, 6 at \$10.00	60.00
Second hand auto dealer, 18 at \$50.00 — 31 at \$25.00	2,175.00
Slaughtering, 1 at \$1.00	1.00
Storage of explosives: 4 at \$20.00 — 1 at \$50.00	130.00
Storage of explosives renewals	4,191.50
Taxi stand licenses — 37 at \$10.00	370.00
Permits for projections over the sidewalk, 2 electric signs 2 plastic signs 2 metal signs 3 illuminated signs 2 non-combustible signs 5 miscellaneous signs 1 awning 17 signs at \$5.00	85.00

Copies of ordinances	87.00
Copies of city charter	3.50
Fees regular mail notices	86.72
Postage	2.79
Advertising	274.90
Duplicate dog tags	5.80
Pole locations	112.50
Blank forms	9.40
Raffle and bazaar permits	110.00
Municipal manuals	65.00
Closing-out sale	2.00
Physicians' registration	1.00
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	\$31,942.76

PAYMENTS

To the City Treasurer for dog licenses in FY 1977:

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313 females at \$6.00	1,878.00
864 spayed at \$3.00	2,592.00
5 kennel at \$10.00	50.00
1 kennel at \$25.00	25.00
6 transfers at \$.25	1.50
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	9,874.50

less City Clerk's fees

2959 at \$.35	1035.65)	<hr/>	
6 transfers at \$.25	1.50)		\$ 8,837.35

To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for
hunting licenses, etc. in FY 1977:

583 fishing at \$8.25	4,809.75
323 hunting at \$8.25	2,664.75
124 sporting at \$13.50	1,674.00
52 minor fishing at \$6.25	325.00
7 resident alien fishing at \$11.25	78.75

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less City Clerk's fees

1204 at \$.25	301.00)	
10 at \$.10	1.00)	<hr/>
		302.00
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		\$ 9,535.25

To City Treasurer monthly:

All the receipts above specified except for	
hunting licenses and dog licenses	31,942.76
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	\$50,315.36

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Besides the licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of receipts, licenses and permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge, as follows:

Parade with Music in Streets	2
Walk-a-thon	1
Sacred Concert	1

BIRTHS – FY 1977
(July 1, 1976 – June 30, 1977)

Births in Somerville with Physicians in attendance for FY 1977

Females	1	*	
Males	1	*	2

Registered births in other places for FY 1976

Females	397		
Males	401	798
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		Total	800

Born of American Parents 531

Born of Foreign Parents 193

Born of American Father,
Foreign Mother 42

Born of Foreign Father,
American Mother 34

Born of American Mother,
Father Unknown 0

Born of Foreign Mother,
Father Unknown 0

Total 800

Number of Twins 8

* Born at home

MARRIAGES

July 1, 1976 – June 30, 1977

Number of Intentions issued	813
Less than previous year	34
Number of Marriages registered	822
Less than previous year	65

Both parties American	654
Both parties Foreign	60
American Bride and Foreign Groom . .	69
American Groom and Foreign Bride . .	39
Total	822

First marriage	1343
Second marriage	281
Third marriage	17
Fourth marriage	3
Total	1644

Total Marriages for the F.Y.	822 Couples
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DEATHS

Number of deaths in Somerville in FY 1977	830
Died in the City	468
Died out of the City	362
Stillborns	0
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Total	830
Males	438
Females	392
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Total	830
Age of the oldest person who died in Somerville	98
Last record figures in the annual report - No. 529-24, 1976 and 247-1, 1977	

William J. Donovan
CITY CLERK

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